

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing entitled “The State of Religious Liberty in the United States.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**NATIONAL OCEAN POLICY**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The President’s New National Ocean Policy—A Plan for Further Restrictions on Ocean, Coastal and Inland Activities.” Testimony was heard from Nancy Sutley, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality, Co-Chair, National Ocean Council; Jane Lubcheno, Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and public witnesses.

**NASA’S COMMERCIAL CREW DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “NASA’s Commercial Crew Development Program: Accomplishments and Challenges.” Testimony was heard from Paul K. Martin, Inspector General, NASA; Bill Gerstenmaier, Associate Administrator, Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate, NASA; and public witnesses.

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’S FINANCING PROGRAMS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Small Business Administration’s Financing Programs.” Testimony was heard from Karen Mills, Administrator, Small Business Administration; and public witnesses.

**ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF SEAPORTS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “The Economic Importance of Seaports: Is the United States Prepared for 21st Century Trade Realities?” Testimony was heard from Jo Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army-Civil Works, United States Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 27, 2011**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Armed Services,* Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform, hearing on DOD’s Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system implementation efforts, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on readiness in the age of austerity, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Proposed Regulations to Require Reporting of Non-resident Alien Deposit Interest Income.” 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Afghanistan and Pakistan: Transition and the Way Forward.” 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia, hearing entitled “The Eurozone Crisis: Destabilizing the Global Economy.” 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled “The Trafficking in Persons Report 2011: Truth, Trends, and Tier Rankings.” 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, continued markup of the following: H.R. 420, the “Veterans’ Heritage Firearms Act of 2011”; H.R. 2870, the “Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2011”; H.R. 1254, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3012, the “Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act.” 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Gulf Coast Recovery: President Obama’s BP Compensation Fund, How Is It Working?” 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled “Examining Obamacare’s Hidden Marriage Penalty and Its Impact on the Deficit.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “Internal Control Weaknesses at the Department of Homeland Security.” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, joint hearing entitled “Review of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future Draft Recommendations.” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled “Misrepresentation and Fraud: Bad Actors in the Small Business Procurement Programs.” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for children, 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,* Full Committee, hearing on ongoing intelligence activities, 10 a.m., HVC-304.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Thursday, October 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Thursday, October 27

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of H.R. 2576—To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs (Subject to a Rule) and H.R. 674—To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities (Subject to a Rule).

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